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1. EGYPTIAN PRESS FEBRUARY 3 REPORTS PRESIDENT SADAT HAS HAD SEVERAL MORE PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH HASSAN AND BOUMEDIENNE. AHRAM CORRESPONDENT REPORTS FROM FEZ THAT EGYPTIAN MEDIATOR, VP MUBARAK, IS INTENSIFYING HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS.

2. OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCE IS QUOTED AS SAYING EGYPT HAS PRESENTED THREE-POINT MEDIATION PLAN TO BOTH PARTIES (ODDLY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAULATANIA SEEMS EXCLUDED);

A. MOROCCO AND ALGERIA WILL COMMIT THEMSELVES TO CEASE-FIRE AND REFRAIN FROM MILITARY OPERATIONS VIOLATING EACH OTHER'S TERRITORY.

B. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MOROCCO AND ALGERIA WILL JOIN EGYPTIAN FONMIN AT EMERGENCY MEETING IN CAIRO TO BE CONVENED "IN 48 HOURS."

C. FONMINS MEETING WILL DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF CRISIS AND ENDEAVOR EITHER REACH AGREEMENT OR DETERMINE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT. FONMINS WILL ALSO BE CHARGED WITH PREPARING MEETING BETWEEN BOUMEDIENNE, HASSAN AND SADAT.

3. COVERING ALL EVENTUALITIES, INFORMED SOURCE ARE CITED AS BELIEVING IT NOT UNLIKELY OBSTACLES MAY YET ARISE SLOWING EGYPTIAN MEDIATION.

4. COMMENT: MFA SOURCES TELL US MUBARAK IS EXPECTED BACK THURSDAY SO 48 HOURS WOULD PRESUMABLY END THEN. MFA CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT 48-HOUR TIMETABLE MAY NOT SUCCEED; IF SO, MUBARAK WILL STAY IN AREA AND KEEP ON TRYING.

5. PAPERS ALSO REPORT TODAY THAT ARAB LEAGUE SYG HAS SENT TO MOROCCO, ALGERIA, AND MAURITANIA SUGGESTION BY OAU'S SYG PROPOSING JOINT OAU-ARAB LEAGUE MEDIATION. EILTS

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